

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

25. (Currently Amended) A device for creating a seal, comprising:

- (a) an upper seal member having a first mating surface and a lifting wing;
- (b) a lower seal member having a second mating surface and a closure bar groove,

wherein said second mating surface interlocks with said first mating surface; and

5 (c) a slider having a length and an upper interior surface, the slider further comprising:

(i) a lifting rib slidably cooperating with said lifting wing of said upper seal member, said lifting rib located at a first elevation relative to the upper interior surface;

10 (ii) a closure bar slidably cooperating with said closure bar groove of said lower seal member, said closure bar located at a second elevation relative to the upper interior surface, wherein the first elevation of the lifting rib is not equal to the second elevation of the closure bar at any location along the length of the slider; and

15 (iii) a body having a closing end wherein said lifting rib is in closing proximity with said closure bar and an opening end wherein said lifting rib is in opening proximity with said closure bar;

wherein when said slider is moved in a direction causing said upper seal member and said lower seal member to pass within said slider from said opening end to said closing end, said
20 slider confines said first mating surface into contact with said second mating surface thereby creating a seal.

26. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said upper seal member has a first and a second lifting wing; wherein said slider has a first lifting rib

slidably cooperating with said first lifting wing and said slider has a second lifting rib slidably cooperating with said second lifting wing.

27. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein at least one of said upper and lower seal members comprises a stiffener insert.

28. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said upper and lower seal members each have a top lateral surface and the top lateral surfaces of said upper and lower seal members are at about the same elevation.

29. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said lower seal member comprises a seal member rib that supports the interlocking first and second mating surfaces.

30. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said first and second mating surfaces each have a profile and said profiles are the same.

31. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said body of said slider comprises partial cylindrical shapes positioned to contact at least one of said upper and lower seal members.

32. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said lifting rib does not extend the entire length of the slider.

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34. (Previously Presented) The device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said slider further comprises a pull tab, a pin and a slanted pull tab track.

35. (Previously Presented) A product, comprising the device, as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of hazardous material suits, fire suits, dry suits, dry bags, bivy sacks, waders, space suits, tents, shipping packages, household storage bags, map cases, chart cases, kayak skirts, backpack covers, computer cases, electronic device cases, watercraft containers, inflatable cases, flotation bags, flotation devices, waterproof pockets, fishing vest pockets, smell-proof pockets, wetsuits, jackets, sleeping bags, rain gear, boots, kayak jackets, wind breakers, and wind proof fleeces.

36. (Currently Amended) A device for creating a seal, comprising:

- (a) an upper seal member having a first mating surface and a lifting wing;
- (b) a lower seal member having a second mating surface and a closure bar groove,

wherein said second mating surface interlocks with said first mating surface; and

(c) a slider having a length and an upper interior surface, the slider further comprising:

- (i) a lifting rib slidably cooperating with said lifting wing of said upper seal member, said lifting rib located at a first elevation relative to the upper interior surface;[[:]]
- (ii) a closure bar slidably cooperating with said closure bar groove of said lower seal member, said closure bar located at a second elevation relative to the upper interior surface, wherein the first elevation of the lifting rib is not equal to the second elevation of the closure bar at any location along the length of the slider; and
- (iii) a body having a laterally tilted upper interior surface, the body including a closing end wherein said lifting rib is in closing proximity with said closure bar and an opening end wherein said lifting rib is in opening proximity with said closure bar;

wherein when said slider is moved in a direction causing said upper seal member and said

20 lower seal member to pass within said slider from said opening end to said closing end, said slider confines said first mating surface into contact with said second mating surface thereby creating a seal.

37. (Previously Presented) A product, comprising the device, as claimed in Claim 36, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of hazardous material suits, fire suits, dry suits, dry bags, bivy sacks, waders, space suits, tents, shipping packages, household storage bags, map cases, chart cases, kayak skirts, backpack covers, computer cases, electronic device
5 cases, watercraft containers, inflatable cases, flotation bags, flotation devices, waterproof pockets, fishing vest pockets, smell-proof pockets, wetsuits, jackets, sleeping bags, rain gear, boots, kayak jackets, wind breakers, and wind proof fleeces.

38. (Currently Amended) A seal for use in conjunction with a slider, comprising:

(a) an upper seal member comprising a first mating surface, and start, middle and end portions portion, and a lifting wing on said middle portion and not on said end portion; and

(b) a lower seal member comprising a second mating surface having a shape that
5 interlocks with said first mating surface, the lower seal member further comprising a closure bar groove;

wherein said first and second mating surfaces interlock, wherein said lifting wing is accessible for interaction with a slider lifting rib, and wherein said closure bar groove is accessible for interaction with a slider closure bar.

39. (Previously Presented) A product, comprising the seal, as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of hazardous material suits, fire suits, dry suits, dry bags, bivy sacks, waders, space suits, tents, shipping packages, household storage bags, map cases, chart cases, kayak skirts, backpack covers, computer cases, electronic device
5 cases, watercraft containers, inflatable cases, flotation bags, flotation devices, waterproof pockets, fishing vest pockets, smell-proof pockets, wetsuits, jackets, sleeping bags, rain gear,

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boots, kayak jackets, wind breakers, and wind proof fleeces.

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